S. No.	Name of the Projects	Status
	Infrastructure Proposals	
12	POL Storage Facility at Kakinada by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)	Approved on 29.04.1999
13.	Proposal for import of Propylene through pipeline at Visakhapatnam Port Trust by M/s Andhra Petrochemicals	Approved on 03.02.2000
14.	Exploitation of free Gas from GS-15/23 marginal off shore field-laying of pipeline in CRZ area by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)	Approved on 22.12.2000
15.	Setting up of POL Terminal and docklines at Kakinada by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)	Approved on 01.08.2001

Noise pollution in Delhi

2164. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 25 per cent of residential colonies of Delhi have excessive levels of noise all the day and the noise level is set to rise in the coming years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many cases of children with partial hearing loss due to vehicular noise pollution have been received in AIIMS and children are very sensitive to noise and, as a result, get harmed more easily; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to check the noise pollution?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) According to a study conducted by Delhi Pollution Control Committee in 1996, in 14 out of 46 residential colonies noise levels were found to be exceeding the prescribed standards.

(b) According to All India Institute of Medical Sciences, cases of children and adults with noise related hearing loss have been seen and that major cause of hearing loss in children is infection of noise, sinus extending into the ear.

(c) The Government have taken various steps to check noise pollution, which include the following:

(1) Ambient Air Quality Standards in respect of noise have been notified in 1989 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for the industrial, commercial, residential areas and silence zones.

(2) Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 have been notified in February, 2000.

(3) Noise standards for stationary diesel sets (15-500KVA) have been notified in January, 1999.

(4) Noise standards for fire crackers had been notified in October, 1999.

(5) Noise limits for portable generator sets run with petrol and kerosene have been notified in September, 2000.

(6) Noise limits for vehicles have been revised and notified in September, 2000 effective from 1st January, 2003.

(7) Noise level standards for coal mines have been evolved and notified in September, 2000.

Death of rhinos at Delhi Zoo

2165. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two rhinos died at Delhi Zoo in April this year and more were suffering acutely; if so, the reasons for spread of the deadly disease;

(b) whether a number of Rhinos have died or have been killed in different Zoos and sanctuaries during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and in 2001, till date; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to preserve and promote this endangered specie?